

UNITED STATES

PROTECTION AGENCY

SITE	BIG RIVER
ID#	MD2981126899
BREAK	1.6
OTHER	AR
MISSOURI	3-11-80

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DATE **MAR 11 1980**

SUBJECT Erosion of Lead Mine Tailings into Big River, State of Missouri

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Attached hereto is some sketchy information on a lead mine tailing pile near the Big River in the State of Missouri. I have reviewed the facts alleged in the letter from the Missouri Department of Conservation and have decided that action would not be appropriate under the Clean Water Act. However, there are some indications that a RCRA 7003 action might be appropriate. As you will note in the letter, the Missouri Department of Conservation feels this situation has created a severe environmental problem. Although St. Joe Minerals Corporation, which placed the lead mine tailings near the Big River has deeded over the area to a St. Francois Environmental Corporation, recent actions filed against Hooker Chemical on the Love Canal situation, indicate that the government feels that it can sue the original party creating the hazard.

Attachment

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